Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Has the editor done any similar compilation work elsewhere and has he any special qualifications for this kind of work?

Third Member of Council.—

He was one of the Assistants appointed for the preparation of the Madras Gazetteer.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Have Government satisfied themselves that the establishment is engaged only on the Gazetteer work and not on any other private work?

General Secretary.—

It is his look out; but from a monthly progress report received from him, it looks as if the establishment is fully used on the Gazetteer.

First Member of Council.—

This establishment will cease shortly.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Has the editor toured round the districts to collect materials?

General Secretary.—

Yes, he has visited many places.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Where was all the work connected with the Gazetteer done? Was it in the Secretariat?

General Secretary.—

Not in the Secretariat; but in the editor's own office.

By Mr. H. C. Dasappa (Special Interests).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) What are the terms of the agreement which the Mysore Railways have entered into with the Out-Agency Contractor for carrying Mail between Ooty and Mysore?

(2) Whether it includes any agreement on the part of the Mysore Railways to secure passenger traffic to the said Out-Agency Contractor ?

(3) Whether the original agreement has undergone any modification subsequently and, if so, in what respects ?

(4) Whether it is a fact that Mr. B. K. Sunje Gowder, Proprietor of the Mysore-Nilgiri Bus Service, has been served with a notice to run his bus after the Out-Agency bus leaves Mysore and whether it has been done with a view to secure passenger traffic to the Out-Agency bus and whether there are any other reasons for doing so?

(5) Whether the Government are not aware that the change in the timings whereby the Out-Agency bus is to start at 11 A.M. and the Mysore-Nilgiri Bus Service after that would result in considerable hardship and inconvenience to the passengers going to Ooty?

(6) Whether it is a fact that the Out-Agency Contractor has also been granted another license to run a service in the morning from Gundlupet to Ooty after the change of the timings mentioned in (5) ?

(7) Whether the traffic between Ooty and Mysore is generally heavy?

(8) Whether the Mysore-Nilgiri Bus Service was not the first to establish a service of the kind between Ooty and Mysore ?

(9) How many motor services are running daily between—

(*a*) Mysore and Nanjangud, and

(*b*) Nanjangud and Gundlupet ?

(10) Whether with the Out-Agency Contractor's Service from Gundlupet to Ooty in the morning and the Mysore and the motor services referred to in (1) there would be any traffic left to the Mysore-Nilgiri Bus Service?

(11) Whether it is a fact that permission to put up Advertisement Board in the Mysore Railway Station Yard was not granted to the Proprietor of the Mysore-Nilgiri Bus Service, and whether it is not a fact that similar permission has been granted to other bus service proprietors?

(12) Whether the same restrictions as in Cl. (4) and Cl. (11) are placed on non-mail services between Mercara and Mysore?

(13) Whose was the lowest tender for taking up the Out-Agency and was it accepted? If not, reasons may kindly be stated.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—

1.—9. (1) The Contractor carries Mails from Mysore to Ooty and back at Rs. 16 a day paid by the Postal Department.

(2) Yes, as the Out-Agency at Ootacamund was opened for developing traffic from Bombay and other places.

(3) No.

(4) Yes, in view of the change in Railway timings and Guntakal through connection; but it has since been withdrawn and other arrangements satisfactory to both parties have been made.

(5) Government received representations on the subject but in view of answer to (4) above, no further action is necessary.

(6) No, so far as road from Gundlupet to Mysore frontier is concerned.

(7) No, except during the season.

(8) Yes.

(9) (*a*) 8.
(*b*) 4.

(10) Does not arise in view of answer to Question (6).

(11) Except Messrs. V. R. & Brothers to whom permission was given in 1923, no one has since been permitted to put up Boards in Station Yard.

Any Contractor can put up a Board inside the Railway Station by arrangement with Messrs. Spencer & Co., who are Advertising Contractors for Mysore Railways.

(12) (1) No restriction as in Cl. (4).

(2) Reference is invited to answer to Cl. (11).

(13) The most satisfactory tender, having regard to all relevant considerations was accepted.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Is the payment of Rs. 16 a day mentioned in answer to item (1) the only condition of the agreement or are there other terms?

Third Member of Council.—

This is the only relevant item in the agreement.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

With reference to item (2), the reply given is 'Yes'; but I think it ought to be 'No.'

Dewan.—

Probably, you are right.

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Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

With reference to item (13), was it the lowest tender that was accepted?

Third Member of Council.—

It cannot be disclosed; but the lowest tender received was accompanied by certain conditions which the Department could not accept. Hence the most satisfactory tender was accepted. Moreover, Government are not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Mr H C. Dasappa.—

May I know the circumstances under which the Out-Agency contractor was given a permit to run a special bus service in the morning in addition to the mail bus?

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore.—

Originally, a license was granted to him to run the motor bus at 8 o'clock in the morning immediately after the arrival of the mail train. But later on the mail time was changed to 11 o'clock and the contractor could not get any passengers for the mail bus at that hour. So, on his representation, he was given a special concession of running a passenger bus at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

How was this special concession justified?

Third Member of Council.—

Because, carrying the mails alone would not pay him.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

In view of the fact that this extra concession was not contemplated in the Out-Agency contract, will Government call for fresh tenders?

Third Member of Council.—

A period of three years has been fixed by the Postal

Department for the contract for carrying the mails and the question will be reconsidered after that period.

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Q.—10. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) When the Complusory Education Scheme was introduced into the different parts of the State?

(2) What the population of those areas as per census of 1921 is?

(3) Has a census of children of the school-going age been taken? If so, when? What was the number of children in those areas then?

(4) How many of such children in different places are attending schools?

(5) Has exemption been granted, as per rules, in respect of those who do not attend?

(6) What is the number of primary schools existing in each of these places?

(7) What is the number of teachers in each ?

(8) Were notices issued to the parents of children who were not granted exemption calling for explanation as to why they were not sent?

(9) How many were prosecuted?

(10) How many were warned and how many punished by the Magistrates?

(11) In places where these rules are in force what are the number of meetings held every year by the Committee?

(12) What is the amount spent on the scheme every year?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—10. (1) In the year 1914.

(2) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix I.)